

MINUTES OF: State Community Collaborative
CHAIRPERSONS: Joel Rosch and Pat Solomon
LOCATION: Child Advocacy Institute

DATE: March 22, 2002
START TIME: 9:00 a.m.
END TIME: 11:00 a.m.

NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT
Al Deitch, DOA-YA&I	x	Jennifer Mahan, MHANC	x	Michael Owens, NCCCP	x
Austin Connors, ARCCFS	x	Jennifer Sullivan, NASW		Michael Schweitzer, DJJDP	
Beth Melcher, NCAMI			x	Michelle Zechmann, GCC	
Beverly Hester, WCH	x	Joan DeBruyn	x	Pat Solomon, F.United	x
Brad Trotter, DHOH-DMH		Joann Haggerty, CAI		Robin Huffman, NCPA	x
Carol Duncan-Clayton, NCCCP		JoAnn Lamm, DSS-CSS	x	Sally Cameron, NCPA	x
		Joel Rosch, CCFP		Sandra Sink, DSS	x
Carol Robertson, DMA		John R. Hayes, F.United		Stephanie Alexander, DMH	x
Carol Tant, WCHS		John Tote, MHA		Stephanie Nantz, GCC	
Carolyn Wiser, DMA	x	Kirstin Frescoln, AOC	x	Steve Shore, NCPS	
Cheryl Waller, CSHS		Lana Dial, AOC		Susan Coleman, WCH	x
Chuck Harris, DSS		Larry Hayes, DJJDP		Susan Robinson, DMH-CF	x
Connie Hawkins, ECAC		Lee Lewis, DMH-SA	x	Susan Whitten, DJJDP	
David Horowitz, TPC		Linda Gunn-Jones	x	William Hussey, MHPC	
Diann Irwin, DPI		Linda Swann		OTHERS:	
Don Herring, DMH-CFS		Lynda Richard, DMH-DD	x		
Donn Hargrove, DJJDP	x	Mark Ezzell, GCC			
Elizabeth Brown, DMH		Mark O'Donnell, DMH/CF			
Jan Hood, AOC	x	Martin Pharr, DJJDP	x		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	ACTION (By whom and when)
(1) Welcome & Introductions	Judie Ritchie of the Mental Health Association and Amy Kohls and Jack Freeman of Carolina One Source were welcomed by the Collaborative.	
(2) Carolina One Source (Chuck Harris, DSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Kohls and Jack Freeman from Carolina One Source presented the following: Believe that no child should be placed out of home unnecessarily Part of 4-A Waiver Demonstration Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized 7 years ago Comprehensive Ecological Assessment - Look at family as a whole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encompasses 19 counties Includes agencies and child and family homes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> strategize with different agencies re: how to keep children from becoming out of home placements Conducts all types of assessments <i>with</i> DSS workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with licensed professionals on conducting assessments Conducts post assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each assessment averages about 10 to 12 pages From each assessment, about 8 to 12 recommendations received Mental Health, Substance Abuse AND medical issues are presented as well. 1 Source is not a stand-a-lone service Questioned whether agency is accessed by other agencies 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, under contract to serve DSS and the 19 waiver counties • Does not bill directly to Medicaid and if services are reimbursable, unaware. • Questioned how many cases serviced at any one time – approximately 100 cases or more • Questioned the length of time it takes to conduct an assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It takes 35 to 40 hours to conduct an assessment. • Assessors complete a Family Evaluation Form • Questioned what next steps are necessary for 1 Source to continue past June 30? • First, contract must be renewed – present contract expires June 30. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioned whether project will continue • Questioned re: What are the funding sources for services, if expanded? • How does the SOC try to maximally utilize staff and minimize costs? • Common providers • Structure of LMEs would support this. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for community to look at this as a resource. • Questioned the pattern for not accepting assessment – no set pattern. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several reasons why not accepted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents move out of county. • Refusal by parents is another. • Local Collaboratives should be using this service. • Example of assessment with common domains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioned re: whether there is a set screening for SA youth? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not the tool used by SAS, but SA is a part of the assessment process for youth and parents. • 	
<p>(3)</p> <p>Levels of Care Table of Contents (Don Herring)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levels of Care Table of Contents has “medical necessity” definition • Will know what services will not be approved. • People at the table, locally, should communicate and maintain knowledge, rather than become involved in arguments that are not based on factual information. • All issues are not medically necessary. • Decisions made in CFT setting should include all parties in attendance at the meeting, including UM. • Who is making decisions – Value Options? – Medicaid? – AP? – CFT? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value Options only uses what is given to them by DMA who contracts with them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This includes information from DMH/DD/SAS on services, LOC, etc. • Families need to have information to make good decisions and be able to understand the complexity of areas such as LOC. • Need to know how often denials are occurring. 	

<p>(4)</p> <p>MOA Update and Local MOAs (Stephanie Alexander)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOA has been signed by DHHS, DJJDP, AOC and is awaiting DPI. • Need to establish Workgroup for Local MOA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Alexander • Sandra Sink • Kiristin Frescoln • Lee Lewis • Lynda Richard • Carol Clayton • Pat Solomon/Family Member 	
<p>(5)</p> <p>TA/Regional Meeting (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set timeline for answering questions generated by regional trainings. • Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop communication between State and regional collaboratives • Add regional chairpersons to State Collaborative e-list • Designate contact person – Joel Rosch, Joan DeBruyn or Pat Solomon • Create subcommittee to address ongoing questions and concerns – Joel Rosch, Joan DeBruyn, Pat Solomon • Exchange should be both ways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional minutes to Joel Rosch and Pat Solomon – Joan DeBruyn will take charge of this item • Joel and Pat will respond to regional concerns • Is there a need for a Regional Collaborative? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA role is networking/troubleshooting • Is this something that is evolving or collapsing? • Let them know it is beneficial for them to continue to meet together. • Wait until all Regional Meetings are completed before responding to questions. • Use conference calling as a possibility since travel is so restricted. • Sponsor and promote more training reiterating their roles and responsibilities. • Do not minimize the roles of regional constituents. • Struggling with responsibility issues of who has the authority to do what. • Budget crises – fight against losing children’s funds. • Do what works, but have family involvement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow SOC Values & Principles • Response needs to be made to questions from the Western Region meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot of uncertainty is felt out in the regions. • Regional Forum is to network regional staff. • SC should communicate that it is clarifying definitions, roles & responsibilities that regional staff are asking about at meetings. 	
<p>(6)</p> <p>General Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level of frustration expressed by regional staff. • Two trainings – Broad Support for SOC overall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% - very positive, on-board, willing to work, 20% ambivalent and 20% negative.. • One person (Martha K.) leaving does not lower the commitment to SOC and youth/families./per Pat S. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to have authority at the Department level. • Specific recommendations from the State Collaborative need to go to DMH & DHHS. • Encourage small groups to meet with Directors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start with e-mail before initiating small group • Legislation needs to be strengthened. • State Plan subcommittees are meeting regularly to discuss infrastructure such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access • Quality • Administration • Feed recommendations through Administrative group because it is what they do and let them serve as point of contact. • Workgroups are being formed that will include State agencies, community agencies, families and consumers. • State Plan being revised and comments are due by 4/19/02. • Who should be point of contact for e-mails about advocacy issues? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally Cameron • Jan Mahan • Beth Melcher • SOC is working; the tough part begins now. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families are counting on us. • Request for draft letter from Linda Gunn-Jones regarding Funding Grid. • Non-UCR requests for money <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send to Child and Family • CFS will review proposals. • Appoint small SC workgroup to review proposals – need quick turnaround. • Joel Rosch • Stephanie Alexander • Family Member • Sandra Sink 	
<p>(7)</p> <p>Plans for next Meeting/agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA Questions Discussion 	